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PANAMA WILL RESUME DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WITH CUBA. THE DECISION TO DO SO, FORMALLY TAKEN AT AUGUST 20 MORNING SESSION OF COUNCIL OF STATE, WAS ANNOUNCED TO THE NATION OVER RADIO AND TELEVISION AT MID-DAY. ACCORDING TO THE RADIO BROADCAST A SPECIAL GOP DELEGATION HEADED BY MINISTER OF PLANNING AND ECONOMIC POLICY BARLETTA WILL GO TO HAVANA TOMORROW (AUGUST 21) TO FORMALIZE THE RENEWAL OF FULL DIPLOMATIC HELATIONS. THE RADIO ALSO REPORTED THAT A FORMAL GOVERNMENT COMMUNIQUE WOULD BE RELEASED WITHIN A FEW HOURS.

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